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A DVTIFVL INVECTIVE,

Against the moste haynous Treasons of BALLARD and BABINGton: with other their Adherents, lately executed.

Together,

vvith the horrible attempts and actions of the Q. of Scottes: and the Sentence pronounced against her at Fodderingay.

Newlie compiled and set foorth, in English verse:

For a Newyeares gifte to all loyall English subiectes.

by W. Kempe.

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Who did assemble at her place (by name) call'd Fodderingay,
There to examine out the trueth, and heare what she could say:
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And that shee by perswasions did seeke for to withdrawe,
The subiects heartes, from this our Queene, who earst had liu'd in awe.
And that the treasons nam'd before, were al by her consent:
And that she author was thereof, and did the same inuent,
Whereto her answere was so light, and to so small effect,
As that the weakenesse of the same, her treasons did detect.
And thereupon, these Peeres of state, hauing a due regarde,
To what she could obiect thereto, and likewise nothing sparde.
(by circumstance) to search out trueth, did forthwith then pronounce,
That she was guiltie of these crimes, and could them not renounce.
Which sentence so by them declarde, was by our Queenes consent,
Plainelie reueal'd to all estates. in court of Parliament:
And was by them considered off, who there did all agree
To ioyne in sute vnto her grace, the same to ratifie.
Whereto our Quene with wonted grace and mercie beinge moued
Was lothe to yealde consent thereto, for that shee well her loued
And if it coulde haue bene deuised, howe shee mighte safe remaine
From such like trecherous attemptes, then is it moste certaine,
She woulde not haue agreed thereto. but sought some milder way,
To deale with her, although she sought, her Graces sharpe decay.
But seeing there could no way be knowne, how any trust might bee
Reposde in one that had so ofte, practised most traiterously
The ouerthrowe of this estate, and sought her Graces death:
She was resolued at the length though with a fainting breath
For to confirme that sentence iust, was by her Peeres decreede,
And that the same should stand in force as her own acte and deed:
Commaunding since in publique sorte, for open declaration;
That it should notified be. by publique proclamation.
This is the end the Lorde appoints, for those that seeme to frowne:
Gainst his annointed, whom he hath indued with regal crowne.
Fie on such fond and faithles wightes in whom no trueth doth dwell,
Who both alleageance, duetie, loue, and conscience doth expell.
Could any Christian fearing God or bearing any zeale,
To good religion, christian faith, or state of publique weale:
Finde in his heart for to deuise how he might darke a light:
That like the Orient Sun doth shine thorowout the world most bright.
Hath not her Graces gouernment this eight and twentie yeares:
Nene had in admiration of al that thereof heares.

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The fruite whereof doth plainely proue, she is the Lords annointed:
Plast here by God for to performe, what is by him appointed.
Such seacelesse lottes, and dreaming doltes, which at her state do spurne,
Doe seeme with Cieues (by labour strong) the riuers swift to turne.
Or els doe shoote against the skie, and when their arrowes fall:
They light vppon their cursed corpes, and kill themselues withall.
Liege people to so good a Queene, example take hereby,
Feare God, in thiefe, obey your Prince, and loue her zealously.
God englishmen and loyall heartes, lift vp your mindes with mee:
Stretch out your handes, bow downe your knees, vnto our God most hie:
And with incessant voice, thus crie, O Lord of might and power,
Preserue our Queene from traitors force, who seeke her to devoure.
Cut off such graceless wicked grafts, grub vp and rote their flocke.
Driue out such rauening wolues (O Lord) from out thy seely flocke,
Prolong her daies we pray thee Lord, and if it be thy will:
Let vs not ouerliue her raigne, but let vs haue her still.
Vnto her Counsell (likewise) graunt, thy wisedome from aboue:
That with al loyall faithfull hearts, they firmely may her loue.
Let al their counsailes euer tend, her person to protect:
From rage of foe, and popish crue, that are with mischiefe deck.
Vpon the commons Lord also, poure downe thy heauenly grace:
That in all states a perfect loue and dustie may take place,
Towards this peereles Prince of price, who alwaies doth delight,
To haue thy praises beautified, and glory brought to light.
Amen: thereto, let all men say, with ioy of inward heart,
And they that will not say, Amen: the Lord them sone conuert:
Or spedely confound at least, and bring to shamefull end:
That (by their fall) al others may, their traiterous liues amend.

Finis. W. Kempe.